

A Small Wilderness

girl leading a goat
on a leash
on a Sunday morning
in Pasadena

goat does not want
to heel
strains his
delicate mauve neck
against the rope

does a little
goat dance
of pull away

girl tries to coax
tries to teach
the goat
what she means
by rope

goat knows
but does not want
to obey

Told From Summer

alice september
is going to find august
who is a brown eyed rabbit
evolved from ghost of
something huge and lost

they miss each other
where the year begins to
turn from love
to cold eyed winter

they may never meet
they both are hiding
from the cat
in jesus trees

Passion Flower

and here sits god
looking at his little flower
turning it in his hand

a glass of wine on the table
some crackers
and some cheese

beautiful! he says
just beautiful!

and he turns it and turns it
under the light of his eye
examining it for perfection

and not even thinking
about the soonness
of its dying